

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to phone interview 8/29/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 13 and 15-20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/1/2007
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 8/29/2007
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Sheree T. Rowe (Reg. No. 59,068) on 29 August 2007.

The effective filing date for the subject matter defined in the pending claims in this application is 11/07/1994.

This application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 1 – 12, 14 and 21 – 26.

Replace claims 13.

Claim 13:

A method for processing text data for an electronic book in an electronic book home system comprising [[a]] an electronic library and a portable electronic viewer, the method comprising:

transmitting a purchase order of an electronic book from the electronic library to a remote operations center;

attaching a unique packet identifier that matches an electronic library identifier associated with the purchaser's electronic library to a packet of text data at the remote operations center;

after the unique packet identifier is attached, receiving the packet of text data at the electronic library;

determining, at the electronic library, whether the packet has a unique packet identifier; and

if the packet has a unique packet identifier, determining whether the packet identifier matches the electronic library identifier of the electronic library; and

if the packet identifier matches the electronic library identifier, storing the packet to a data text file of the electronic book in an electronic library storage of the portable electronic viewer, wherein said electronic book comprising a unique key associated therewith and said portable electronic viewer having a unique key associated therewith for data text encryption and decryption;

in the library, comparing the unique key associated with data text of said electronic book to the unique key identifying said portable electronic viewer; and if the

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comparing step produces a match, sending the encrypted and compressed data text related to said electronic book from the library to said portable electronic viewer and storing said encrypted and compressed data text in said portable electronic viewer; and decompressing and decrypting said electronic book page by page only at the moment of viewing and only for the current page just before a page is displayed on the display of said portable electronic viewer.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13 and 15 – 20 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations, as recited in the independent claim 13.

The prior arts fail to teach or suggest a method for processing text data for an electronic book in an electronic book home system comprising an electronic library and a portable electronic viewer, the method comprises transmitting a purchase order of an electronic book from the electronic library to a remote operations center; attaching a unique packet identifier that matches an electronic library identifier associated with the purchaser's electronic library to a packet of text data at the remote operations center; upon receiving the packet, if the packet identifier matches the electronic library

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identifier, storing the packet to a data text file of the electronic book in an electronic library storage of the portable electronic viewer, wherein said electronic book comprising a unique key associated therewith and said portable electronic viewer having a unique key associated therewith for data text encryption and decryption; in the library, comparing the unique key associated with data text of said electronic book to the unique key identifying said portable electronic viewer; and if the comparing step produces a match, sending the encrypted and compressed data text related to said electronic book from the library to said portable electronic viewer and storing said encrypted and compressed data text in said portable electronic viewer; and decompressing and decrypting said electronic book page by page only at the moment of viewing and only for the current page just before a page is displayed on the display of said portable electronic viewer.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Longbit Chai whose telephone number is 571-272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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